Background for WAC 246-491-001: Purpose.	RCW 43.70.150; RCW 70.58.055 and 70.58.061

#### RCW 43.70.150

## Registration of vital statistics.

The secretary of health shall have charge of the state system of registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and decrees of divorce, annulment and separate maintenance, and shall prepare the necessary rules, forms, and blanks for obtaining records, and insure the faithful registration thereof.

[1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 254; 1979 c 141 § 51; 1967 c 26 § 1; 1965 c 8 § 43.20.070. Prior: 1907 c 83 § 1; RRS § 6018. Formerly RCW 43.20A.620 and 43.20.070.]

### **NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 1967 c 26:** "This act shall take effect on January 1, 1968." [1967 c 26 § 12.]

Vital statistics: Chapter 70.58 RCW.

## RCW 70.58.055

## Certificates generally.

- (1) To promote and maintain nation-wide uniformity in the system of vital statistics, the certificates required by this chapter or by the rules adopted under this chapter shall include, as a minimum, the items recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics including social security numbers.
- (2) The state board of health by rule may require additional pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and shall not be subject to the view of the public or for certification purposes except upon order of the court. The state board of health may eliminate from the forms items that it determines are not necessary for statistical study.
- (3) Each certificate or other document required by this chapter shall be on a form or in a format prescribed by the state registrar.
- (4) All vital records shall contain the data required for registration. No certificate may be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all items of information called for or that does not satisfactorily account for the omission of required items.
- (5) Information required in certificates or documents authorized by this chapter may be filed and registered by photographic, electronic, or other means as prescribed by the state registrar.

[1997 c 58 § 948; 1991 c 96 § 1.]

### **NOTES:**

Short title -- Part headings, captions, table of contents not law -- Exemptions and waivers from federal law -- Conflict with federal requirements -- Severability -- **1997** c **58:** See RCW 74.08A.900 through 74.08A.904.

## RCW 70.58.061

# Electronic and hard copy transmission.

The department is authorized to prescribe by rule the schedule and system for electronic and hard copy transmission of certificates and documents required by this chapter. [1991 c 96 § 2.]

Background for	RCW 43.70.150
<b>WAC 246-491-010: Definitions</b>	

### RCW 43.70.150

## Registration of vital statistics.

The secretary of health shall have charge of the state system of registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and decrees of divorce, annulment and separate maintenance, and shall prepare the necessary rules, forms, and blanks for obtaining records, and insure the faithful registration thereof.

[1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 254; 1979 c 141 § 51; 1967 c 26 § 1; 1965 c 8 § 43.20.070. Prior: 1907 c 83 § 1; RRS § 6018. Formerly RCW 43.20A.620 and 43.20.070.]

## **NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 1967 c 26:** "This act shall take effect on January 1, 1968." [1967 c 26 § 12.]

Vital statistics: Chapter 70.58 RCW.

Background for WAC 246-491-029:	RCW 70.58.055
Information collected on the confidential	
section of live birth and fetal death	
certificates	

### RCW 70.58.055

## Certificates generally.

- (1) To promote and maintain nation-wide uniformity in the system of vital statistics, the certificates required by this chapter or by the rules adopted under this chapter shall include, as a minimum, the items recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics including social security numbers.
- (2) The state board of health by rule may require additional pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and shall not be subject to the view of the public or for certification purposes except upon order of the court. The state board of health may eliminate from the forms items that it determines are not necessary for statistical study.

- (3) Each certificate or other document required by this chapter shall be on a form or in a format prescribed by the state registrar.
- (4) All vital records shall contain the data required for registration. No certificate may be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all items of information called for or that does not satisfactorily account for the omission of required items.
- (5) Information required in certificates or documents authorized by this chapter may be filed and registered by photographic, electronic, or other means as prescribed by the state registrar.

[1997 c 58 § 948; 1991 c 96 § 1.]

## **NOTES:**

Short title -- Part headings, captions, table of contents not law -- Exemptions and waivers from federal law -- Conflict with federal requirements -- Severability -- 1997 c 58: See RCW 74.08A.900 through 74.08A.904.

Background for WAC 246-491-039:	RCW 70.58.055
Confidential Information on state of	
Washington live birth and fetal death	
certificates under Chapter 70.58 RCW	

## RCW 70.58.055

# Certificates generally.

- (1) To promote and maintain nation-wide uniformity in the system of vital statistics, the certificates required by this chapter or by the rules adopted under this chapter shall include, as a minimum, the items recommended by the federal agency responsible for national vital statistics including social security numbers.
- (2) The state board of health by rule may require additional pertinent information relative to the birth and manner of delivery as it may deem necessary for statistical study. This information shall be placed in a confidential section of the birth certificate form and shall not be subject to the view of the public or for certification purposes except upon order of the court. The state board of health may eliminate from the forms items that it determines are not necessary for statistical study.
- (3) Each certificate or other document required by this chapter shall be on a form or in a format prescribed by the state registrar.
- (4) All vital records shall contain the data required for registration. No certificate may be held to be complete and correct that does not supply all items of information called for or that does not satisfactorily account for the omission of required items.
- (5) Information required in certificates or documents authorized by this chapter may be filed and registered by photographic, electronic, or other means as prescribed by the state registrar.

[1997 c 58 § 948; 1991 c 96 § 1.]

**NOTES:** 

Short title -- Part headings, captions, table of contents not law -- Exemptions and waivers from federal law -- Conflict with federal requirements -- Severability -- 1997 c 58: See RCW 74.08A.900 through 74.08A.904.

Background for WAC 246-491-149:	RCW 43.70.150
Information collected on the legal or	
public section of certificates	

### RCW 43.70.150

# Registration of vital statistics.

The secretary of health shall have charge of the state system of registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and decrees of divorce, annulment and separate maintenance, and shall prepare the necessary rules, forms, and blanks for obtaining records, and insure the faithful registration thereof.

[1989 1st ex.s. c 9 § 254; 1979 c 141 § 51; 1967 c 26 § 1; 1965 c 8 § 43.20.070. Prior: 1907 c 83 § 1; RRS § 6018. Formerly RCW 43.20A.620 and 43.20.070.]

### **NOTES:**

**Effective date -- 1967 c 26:** "This act shall take effect on January 1, 1968." [1967 c 26 § 12.]

Vital statistics: Chapter 70.58 RCW.